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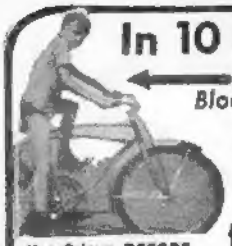

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THE VOODOO-LIKE CULT TOOK VINCENT DURAND'S PUNISHMENT INTO ITS OWN HANDS, BUT THE REVENGE THEY WROUGHT ON HIM WAS ALMOST GENTLE, COMPARED WITH THE STRANGE PUNISHMENT THE EVIL MAN UNWITTINGLY INFLICTED ON HIMSELF!

THE EFFIGY!

VINCENT DURAND! YOU KNOW BETTER THAN TO BURST IN ON US IN THE MIDDLE OF THE CEREMONY!
THE POLICE ARE AFTER ME! PLEASE, PAPA GENOUX, YOU MUST HIDE ME FROM THEM!

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THE TOUCH OF A FINGER ON A HIDDEN BUTTON... A SECRET PANEL SLID BACK! EVEN NOW, THE HEAVY FOOTFALLS OF THE NEW ORLEANS POLICEMEN COULD BE HEARD POUNDING UP TO THE SHODDY WATERFRONT BUILDING...

WHY DID YOU COME HERE, DURAND? YOU BRING US TROUBLE!
SEAL THE WALL! LET NO ONE TELL THEM VINCENT DURAND IS HERE... WE'LL DEAL WITH HIM LATER... IN OUR OWN WAY!

THE POLICE CAME, THEY SEARCHED, BUT VINCENT DURAND REMAINED SAFELY HIDDEN FROM THEM...

WE KNOW DURAND IS MIXED UP WITH THIS CROWD! I'M TAKING ALL OF YOU IN AS ACCESSORIES TO HIS CRIME!
IF IT IS A CRIME TO KNOW VINCENT DURAND, THEN WE ARE GUILTY! WE KNOW NOTHING OF ANY CRIME HE HAS COMMITTED!

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PAPA GENOUX, WHO WAS HIGH CHIEFTAIN OF THE CULT, SPOKE FOR THE MEMBERS IN COURT...

WITH US, IT IS A MAJOR SIN TO SPEAK A FALSEHOOD! AND I TELL YOU TRUTHFULLY, WE HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE OF THIS CRIME WITH WHICH VINCENT DURAND IS CHARGED!

I'M INCLINED TO BELIEVE YOU! DURAND HAS COMMITTED A SERIES OF ROBBERIES ON LOCAL MERCHANTS, AND ON MORE THAN ONE OCCASION, HAS USED HIS GUN TO THREATEN DECENT CITIZENS!

LATER, VINCENT QUAKED AS PAPA GENOUX'S EYES HELD HIM IN THEIR ICY STARE...

GIVE MYSELF UP? NEVER! LOOK, I'LL QUIT! I'LL NEVER DO ANYTHING CRIMINAL AGAIN!

YOU'VE MADE THIS PROMISE BEFORE, VINCENT DURAND! YOU'VE BROUGHT US SHAME, IGNORED YOUR OATH! LEAVE US NOW, AND GO CONFESS YOUR CRIMES TO THE POLICE!

STUBBORNLY REFUSING TO SURRENDER, DURAND WALKED OUT ON PAPA GENOUX...

HA! I WOULDN'T BE SURPRISED IF PAPA GENOUX EVEN TRIES THAT FOOLISH EFFIGY TRICK TO *MAKE* ME GIVE UP!

IT WAS AS IF THE CULT MEMBERS HAD HEARD WHAT VINCENT WAS THINKING, FOR NO SOONER HAD HE LEFT, THAN THEY BROUGHT VINCENT'S EFFIGY TO PAPA GENOUX...

NOW IT IS TIME TO CALL UPON THE POWERS TO IMPRESS UPON VINCENT DURAND THE IMPORTANCE OF GIVING HIMSELF UP TO THE POLICE AND TO PAY FOR HIS MISDEEDS! HE HAS *SHAMED* OUR CULT, AND MUST ERASE THE BLACK MARK AGAINST US!

IT WAS A SHORT WHILE LATER! VINCENT HAD ROAMED THE STREETS THAT DAY, KNOWING THAT THE CULT WOULD TRY IN SOME WAY TO GET HIM TO GIVE HIMSELF UP! THEN...

THAT'S DURAND! GET HIM!

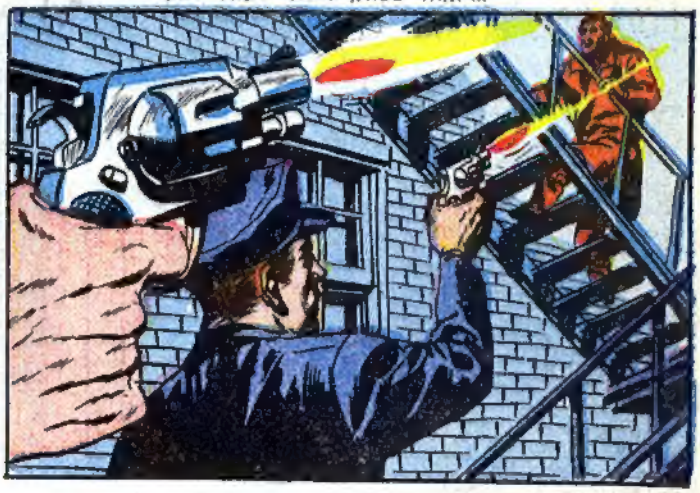
THE FUGITIVE TURNED AND RAN! THE OFFICERS KEPT PACE WITH HIM...

HE'S GOING TO DUCK INTO THAT ALLEY, JIM!

AT THAT MOMENT, PAPA GENOUX WAS DIRECTING THE EVIL MAN'S DESTINY THROUGH THE MEDIUM OF HIS EFFIGY...

NOW THE POLICE WILL PURSUE HIM, AND VINCENT DURAND WILL FIND THAT HE IS IN A BLIND ALLEY!

AT HEADQUARTERS OF THE CULT, THE VOICE OF PAPA GENOUX CHANTED ON..." IT WILL BE ONLY THE START OF HIS MISFORTUNES! VINCENT DURAND WILL FIND THE FIRE ESCAPE LADDER, AND HE'LL CLIMB IT! THE POLICE WILL SHOOT, BUT THEY WILL MISS HIM..."



" VINCENT DURAND WILL REACH THE ROOF, AND THE OFFICERS WILL BE CLOSE BEHIND HIM! HE WILL LEAP FOR ANOTHER ROOF, EVEN AS I MAKE HIS EFFIGY LEAP AT THIS MOMENT!"

"THEN HE WILL MISS HIS FOOTING BY INCHES, CATCH THE ROOF'S EDGE, AND CLING TO IT WITH FINGERS THAT WILL PAIN HIM..."

"JUST BEFORE THE POLICE REACH HIM," PAPA GENOUX CHANTED, "VINCENT WILL LOSE HIS HOLD! BUT HE WON'T BE HURT! MAYBE BY NOW HE WILL SEE THE ERROR OF HIS WAYS!"

ALL RIGHT, PAPA GENOUX... I'LL SHOW YOU! I'LL GO INTO HIDING TILL MIDNIGHT! AND THEN, WHILE YOU SLEEP, I'LL GET HOLD OF THAT EFFIGY, AND MAKE SURE THESE HAPPENINGS ARE STRICTLY A COINCIDENCE!

THAT NIGHT, AT THE STROKE OF TWELVE, HE STOLE INTO THE MYSTERIOUS OLD BUILDING THAT SERVED AS CULT HEADQUARTERS...

NOW, I CAN HAVE PEACE OF MIND! I'LL DESTROY THIS IMAGE AND THEN I'M HEADING SOUTH!

BUT EVEN THEN, VINCENT'S TROUBLES WERE NOT OVER...

POLICE! I SHOULD'VE KNOWN THEY'D BE KEEPING AN EYE ON THE BUILDING!

HEY, DURAND... HOLD IT RIGHT THERE!

...DURAND DROVE OFF BEFORE I COULD NAB HIM! HE'S DRIVING A FORTY-SIX BLACK SEDAN... WITH A LOUISIANA LICENSE TAG N-714143! HEADING NORTH ON RIVER AVENUE!

VINCENT DURAND SUCCESSFULLY ELUDED POLICE THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT, AND WITH THE COMING OF DAWN, THE FUGITIVE WAS HIGH IN THE HILLS IN THE SOUTHWESTERN PART OF THE STATE, WHEN HE LOOKED INTO HIS REAR-VIEW MIRROR...

POLICE CAR... THEY'VE PICKED UP MY TRAIL AGAIN!

NOW, MY LITTLE WOODEN DOUBLE.. OUT OF THE WINDOW YOU GO! DOWN FIVE HUNDRED FEET TO THE RIVER! THIS IS THE END OF YOU AND THE END OF THE PHONY VOODOO HOLD ON ME!

BUT SUDDENLY HE BECAME PANIC-STRICKEN! HE REALIZED THAT WHATEVER HAPPENED TO THE EFFIGY **MIGHT** HAPPEN TO HIM!

WITH A FATALISTIC SHRUG, HE TURNED THE CAR AROUND AND HEADED BACK TOWARD THE PURSUING POLICE...

VINCENT DURAND WOULDN'T ADMIT THAT HE BELIEVED IN EFFIGIES... BUT **STILL**, THERE WAS NO SENSE IN TAKING CHANCES!

THE END

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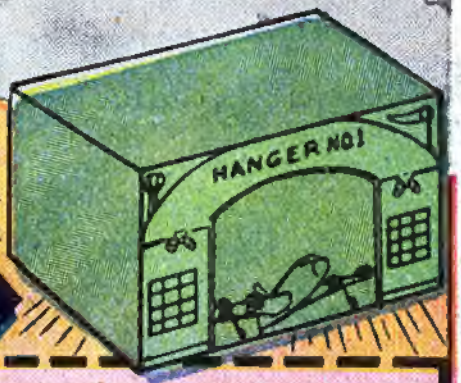

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WAR BETWEEN EAST AND WEST HAD BEEN STALEMATED IN 1985! THEN SUDDENLY, THE EVIL MEN OF THE EASTERN NATIONS PRODUCED A MYSTERIOUS SECRET WEAPON THAT TURNED THE TIDE OF WAR IN ITS FAVOR... UNTIL THE WEST CAME UP WITH ITS **OWN** ANSWER TO THE BRAIN-ROBBING DEVICE!

IRON FACE!

TWO MORE DIVISIONS CAPTURED...AND WITHOUT A SINGLE SHOT BEING FIRED! WE CAN'T SURVIVE MANY MORE LOSSES LIKE THAT!
IT'S OBVIOUS THAT THE EAST IS BEING *INFORMED* OF OUR MOST CAREFULLY GUARDED PLANS! BUT *HOW?* ONLY THE MOST TRUSTED MEN ARE PRESENT AT BRIEFINGS!
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GENERAL COLIN RUDDY, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE ATLANTIC ARMIES OF THE WEST, WAS VISIBLY DISTURBED...

IT IS MORE THAN COINCIDENCE THAT BEFORE EACH EASTERN ATTACK, ONE OF OUR SO-CALLED TRUSTED OFFICERS HAS *VANISHED!*
KNOWING THOSE OFFICERS, SIR, I CAN SAY WITHOUT HESITATION THEY'D RATHER PERISH THAN TELL THE ENEMY ANYTHING THAT WOULD HURT US!

BUT THEY *ARE* GETTING OUR SECRETS, COLONEL ARNELL! IF WE'RE NOT BEING BETRAYED BY OUR OWN OFFICERS, I WISH YOU'D TELL ME HOW ELSE THE EAST ANTICIPATES OUR EVERY MOVE!
I WISH I KNEW, GENERAL RUDDY... I WISH I KNEW...
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EVEN AT THE MOMENT OF THAT MEETING OF WESTERN OFFICERS, ONE OF THEIR MEN, COL. BRIAN SCOTT, WAS A PRISONER OF EASTERN INTELLIGENCE DIVISION ..

I'LL *NEVER* TELL OUR PLANS!

I ASSURE YOU, COL SCOTT, OUR *IRON FACE* WILL *NOT* HURT YOU! BUT YOU *WILL* TELL US WHAT WE WANT TO KNOW! YOU HAVE NO CHOICE!

THE IRON FACE WAS PLACED OVER COL. SCOTT'S HEAD! THE ROOM, NOW DARKENED, HAD BECOME A VERY STRANGE MOVIE THEATRE ..!

THERE WAS A MEETING LAST NIGHT TO DECIDE WHAT WILL BE THE WEST'S NEXT MOVE! YOU WERE THERE, COL. SCOTT! WHAT DECISION WAS MADE BY YOUR GENERAL RUDDY?

A SINGLE DIVISION WILL FEINT AT THE ENEMY'S WEAKEST SPOT IN THE NORTH! THE ATTACK WILL BE AT DAWN TOMORROW BY FOUR DIVISIONS!

OUR PRESSURE AT THE EAST'S CENTER SHOULD DRAW OFF TROOPS FROM THE SOUTH! GENERAL RUDDY WILL HAVE TWO EXTRA DIVISIONS READY TO STRIKE HEAVILY IN THE SOUTH!

THE OFFICERS OF THE EAST HAD ALL THE INFORMATION THEY NEEDED...

I SAW MY THOUGHTS BROUGHT TO THE SCREEN, HEARD GENERAL RUDDY SPEAK! I TRIED TO THINK OF OTHER THINGS, AND I *DIDN'T* SAY A WORD!

THIS "IRON FACE" OF OURS HAS ELECTRONIC *THOUGHT TRANSLATORS* THAT MAKE IMAGES AND VOICES FROM YOUR SUBCONSCIOUSNESS! THEY'RE PROJECTED EVEN AGAINST YOUR WILL!

SHEER DESPERATION GAVE COL. BRIAN SCOTT THE ADDITIONAL DARING NEEDED TO BREAK FROM THE CAREFULLY GUARDED PRISON COMPOUND THAT NIGHT...

COL. SCOTT REACHED SUPREME HEADQUARTERS OF THE WEST AN HOUR BEFORE DAWN! HE REPORTED AT ONCE TO GENERAL RUDDY...

THAT'S HOW THEY'VE BEEN GETTING THEIR INFORMATION, SIR! THE "IRON FACE" IS FANTASTIC! A MAN HAS NO CONTROL OVER HIS SUBCONSCIOUSNESS!

NO WONDER THEY KNOW JUST WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO! I'M GOING TO CALL OFF TOMORROW'S ACTION! WE'LL PLAN NO FURTHER ATTACKS, UNTIL WE'VE COME UP WITH AN ANSWER TO THE EAST'S VERY CLEVER INVENTION!

I WANT OUR TOP SCIENTISTS AND ENGINEERS TO GO TO WORK ON THIS PROBLEM! WE MUST PRODUCE A *COUNTER-WEAPON* TO *IRON FACE* OR THE EAST WILL SURELY WIN THIS WAR!

GENERAL RUDDY'S URGENT APPEAL BROUGHT QUICK RESULTS! FROM THE WEST'S JOINT SCIENTIFIC LAB IN NEW YORK, COUNTER-WEAPON PLANS WERE PRESENTED TO THE COMMANDER WITHIN 48 HOURS...

WONDERFUL, DR. THOMAS! GO TO WORK ON IT AT ONCE!

WE ALREADY HAVE STARTED, SIR!-

WITHIN A WEEK, THE MAIN PART OF THE WEST'S ANSWER TO "IRON FACE" SHROUDED IN SECRECY, WAS FLOWN TO MILITARY HEADQUARTERS AND RUSHED TO GENERAL RUDDY UNDER HEAVY GUARD! CERTAIN TECHNICAL EXPERTS ALSO ARRIVED...

THIS SHOULD DO IT, GENTLEMEN! BUT NOW, LET US FIND THE RIGHT MAN FOR THE JOB!

ULTRA SECRET

FATE WAS ABOUT TO BESTOW ITS GOLDEN TOUCH UPON PVT. IAN JAGO! BUT AT THE MOMENT, THAT SOLDIER WAS SQUIRMING UNDER A VERBAL BARRAGE FROM HIS TOP SERGEANT, MIKE HALLIDAY.

...AND THERE MAY BE A STUPIDER MAN IN THIS ARMY, JAGO, BUT I'VE YET TO MEET HIM! YOU CAN'T EVEN FOLLOW THE SIMPLEST INSTRUCTIONS!

THIS SOLDIER, SIR? HE'S PRIVATE JAGO! I WAS JUST BAWLIN' HIM OUT...

NEVER MIND THAT, SERGEANT! JAGO, I WANT TO SEE YOU IN MY OFFICE IN FIFTEEN MINUTES!

IAN JAGO WAS PLACED IN THE HANDS OF VARIOUS TECHNICIANS, TAKEN IN THE BRIEFING ROOM BY GEN RUDDY AND OTHER OFFICERS! SGT HALLIDAY WAITED PATIENTLY

ALL POOR JAGO DID WAS ***FORGET*** TO DELIVER A MESSAGE TO THE C.O.! I THINK HE'S BEEN COURT-MARTIALED!

THERE'S SURE ***SOMETHING*** FUNNY GOING ON IN THERE!

WHEN IAN JAGO DID COME OUT OF THE BUILDING, SGT. HALLIDAY AND THE OTHERS WERE ALMOST TOO ASTONISHED TO SALUTE...

M-MY GOSH! JAGO HAS BEEN MADE A ***FULL*** COLONEL!

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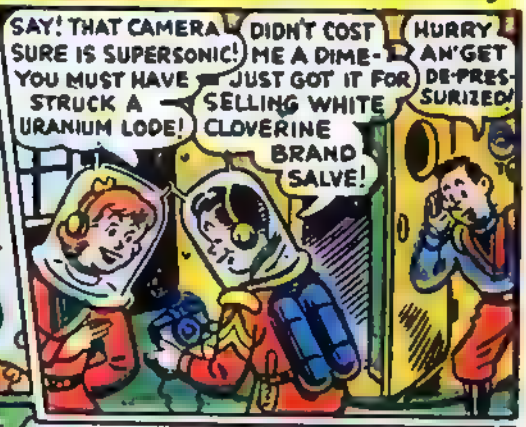
JUNIOR SPACE PILOTS ON THE BEAM!

GIVEN! BOYS! GIRLS! LADIES! MEN!

WE GIVE YOU CASH OR PREMIUMS!

I'M IN A HURRY TO GET BACK TO OUR EARTH BASE, PENNY, THE MAIL MAN'S BRING-ING MY NEW CAMERA!
JUMPIN' JUPITER! YOU'RE SURE SIZZLING TH' OL' ROCKET TODAY, TED!


SAY! THAT CAMERA SURE IS SUPERSONIC! YOU MUST HAVE STRUCK A URANIUM LODE!
DIDN'T COST ME A DIME- JUST GOT IT FOR SELLING WHITE CLOVERINE BRAND SALVE!
HURRY AN' GET DE-PRES-SURIZED!

'MAIL COUPON

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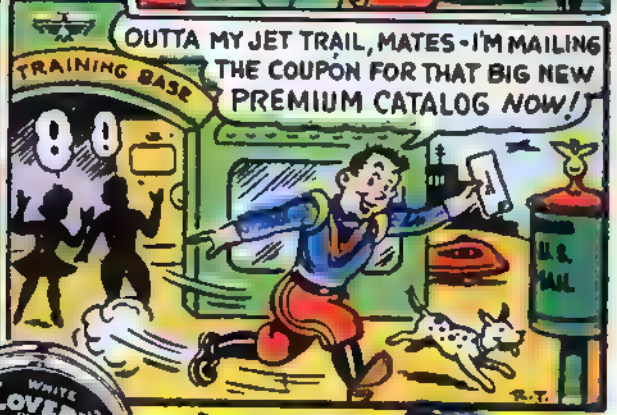
ACT NOW! HURRY

I'VE EARNED A SWELL RADIO AND A TELESCOPE TOO! IT'S EASY SELLING TO YOUR FRIENDS - AND YOU GIVE 'EM THESE SWELL ART PICTURES -
THAT'S FOR ME!



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LET'S GO!

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"COLONEL" IAN JAGO PARTICIPATED IN A FEW SKIRMISHES BEFORE THE ENEMY CAPTURED HIM.

A PRISONER, SIR . A FULL COLONEL! THIS ONE WON'T TALK AT ALL!

IT DOESN'T MATTER IN THE LEAST WHETHER HE *TALKS* OR NOT! THE *IRON FACE* WILL GET THE INFORMATION WE NEED FROM HIM! BRING THE COLONEL TO THE PROJECTION ROOM!

THE CAPTIVE MAINTAINED HIS SILENCE AND OFFERED NO RESISTANCE AS HE WAS STRAPPED INTO THE CHAIR

NOW, COLONEL, YOU WILL SEE *WHY* WE OF THE EAST ARE WINNING THIS WAR!

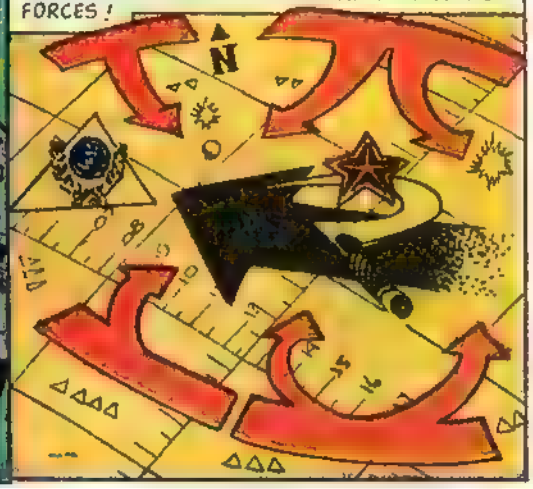
THE MOMENT COL JAGO WAS QUESTIONED HIS INNERMOST THOUGHTS WERE PROJECTED!

NOW, COLONEL, YOU WILL THINK OF YOUR MOST RECENT BRIEFING BY GENERAL RUDDY!

THE PLAN IS SIMPLE, GENTLEMEN! ON FRIDAY NOON WE'LL EMPLOY EVERY DIVISION WE HAVE FOR ONE FINAL PUSH THROUGH THE *CENTER* OF THE ENEMY'S LINES!

THAT WILL DO! SO, IT'S TO BE A BIG PUSH TOMORROW NOON, EH? WELL, WE'LL HAVE A SURPRISE FOR GENERAL RUDDY! WE'LL BE WAITING AT THE CENTER AND WITH TWICE THE NUMBER OF TROOPS!

THE *WEST'S* ATTACK CAME ON FRIDAY NOON, AS PLANNED! THE EAST'S DIVISIONS WERE READY AND WAITING AT THE CENTER . BUT BEFORE THEY KNEW THEY'D BEEN TRICKED, THE WEST FEINTED AT THE CENTER, AND SMASHED ACROSS THE *NORTH* AND SOUTH WITH THE MAJORITY OF ITS FORCES!



THE TRAP SHUT TIGHT ABOUT THE EAST'S DIVISIONS AS THE WEST'S GIANT PINCERS MET! THE WEST'S *OWN SECRET WEAPON* COST THE EAST THE WAR! LATER, GENERAL COLIN RUDDY WAS GOOD ENOUGH TO EXPLAIN TO THE CAPTURED HEAD OF EASTERN INTELLIGENCE.

A *FALSE PLASTIC REPLICA* OF COLONEL JAGO'S HEAD, GENERAL! YOU SEE, JAGO WAS CHOSEN *NOT* FOR HIS MILITARY EXPERIENCE, BUT FOR HIS *SHORTNESS!*

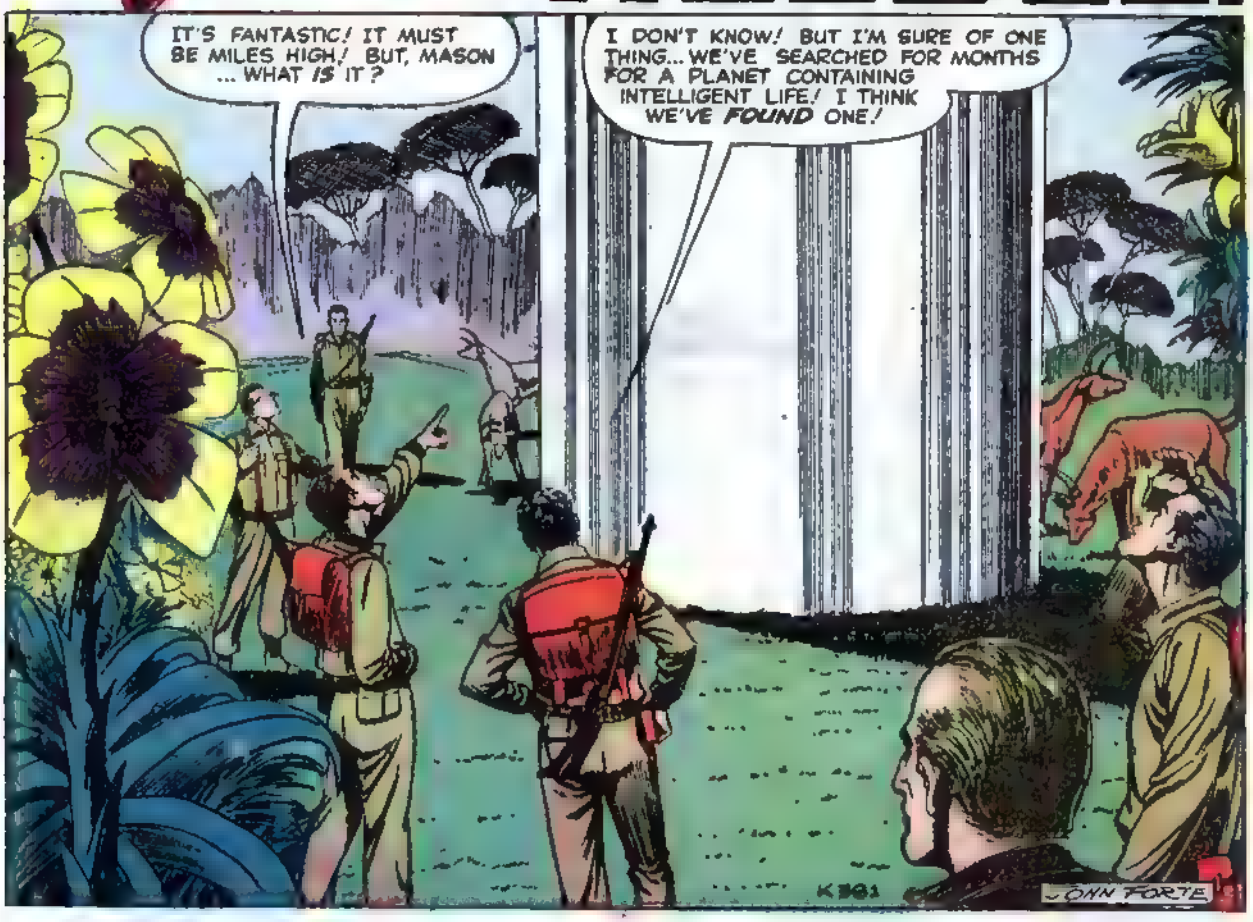
HIS ..(GASP!) HIS *HEAD!*

NOW YOU SEE THAT YOUR *IRON FACE* DID *NOT* ROB THE BRAIN OF "COLONEL" JAGO! WHAT YOU SAW ON THE SCREEN AND WHAT YOU *HEARD*, CAME FROM SPECIALLY PREPARED *SOUND FILM* IN THIS TINY, MOVIE PROJECTOR! *THAT* WAS WHAT COST YOU THE WAR!

THE END

IN ALL THE UNIVERSE, THE EXPEDITION HAD FOUND NO SIGN OF AN INTELLIGENT RACE OTHER THAN MAN! BUT NOW, THERE WAS **THIS!** WHAT WAS IT? HOW HAD IT COME HERE? WHAT WAS...

The Secret of the IRON NEEDLE!

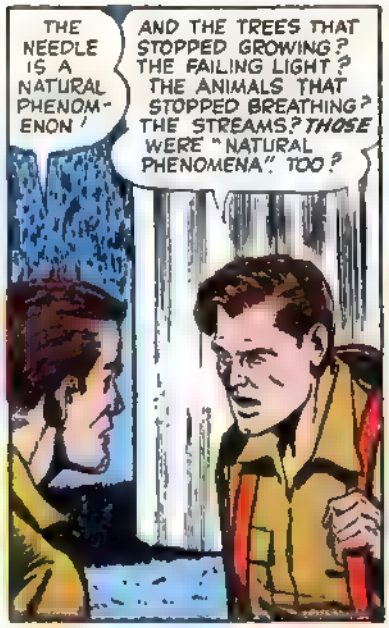

IT'S FANTASTIC! IT MUST BE MILES HIGH! BUT, MASON ... WHAT *IS* IT?
I DON'T KNOW! BUT I'M SURE OF ONE THING... WE'VE SEARCHED FOR MONTHS FOR A PLANET CONTAINING INTELLIGENT LIFE! I THINK WE'VE ***FOUND*** ONE!
JOHN FORTE

BECAUSE OF ***THAT***? YOU KNOW BETTER, MASON! WE'VE EXPLORED EVERY INCH OF THIS PLANET!
AND OTHER THAN IT HAS AN ATMOSPHERE LIKE EARTH'S, WE'VE LEARNED ***NOTHING*** ABOUT IT! THERE ARE NO CITIES, NO SIGNS OF MEN! BUT..

NO SIGNS OF ANYTHING, BECAUSE WE'RE THE ONLY INTELLIGENT BEINGS IN THE UNIVERSE! THIS IRON NEEDLE IS JUST A NATURAL FREAK!
AND HOW DO YOU EXPLAIN ***THOSE***, COURT? A HUNDRED VARIETIES OF ANIMALS LIVING TOGETHER! PERFECTLY TAME! AND THE NEEDLE..

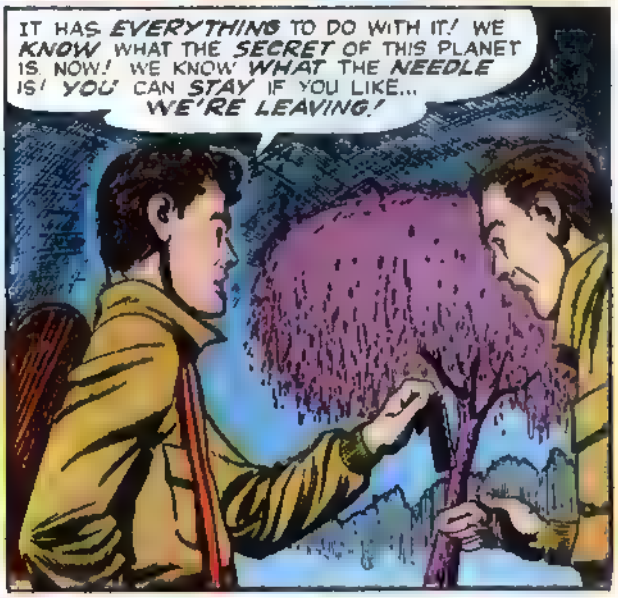
THIS PLACE IS A WONDERLAND! I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING SO PERFECT! AND YET I DON'T LIKE IT! SOMEHOW, IT'S TOO PERFECT!
AFRAID MASON?
WE'RE ALL AFRAID! COURT WE MAY AS WELL FACE IT! I SAY LET'S GET BACK TO THE SHIP AND BLAST OFF!
AND LEAVE THE RIDDLE OF THE IRON NEEDLE UNSOLVED, BECAUSE YOU'RE ALL AFRAID OF SOMETHING THAT DOESN'T EXIST?
WE WERE SENT INTO SPACE TO EXPLORE, TO LEARN! I SAY WE SHOULD STAY HERE AND DO OUR JOB!
HE'S RIGHT, FULLER! PERHAPS THE NEEDLE WAS BUILT BY INTELLIGENT CREATURES AND PERHAPS NOT! BUT IT'S OUR JOB TO FIND OUT!
AND SO THEY STAYED..
WHAT?
ANOTHER SET OF PICTURES MASON? WHAT GOOD WILL THAT DO? WE HAVEN'T EVEN BEEN ABLE TO ANALYZE THE METAL THE NEEDLE IS MADE OF!
YOU STARTLED ME! I'M USING INFRA-RED FILM TO PIERCE THE CLOUDS THIS TIME! MAYBE THE TOP OF THE NEEDLE VARIES!
I SEE...NERVOUS, EH? WELL, ENJOY YOURSELF! I'M GOING OUT TO GATHER SOME PLANT SPECIMENS!
NO! COURT, MAYBE IT WOULD BE BEST IF WE STAYED TOGETHER!
I DON'T THINK SO! I STILL BELIEVE THAT MAN IS THE ONLY INTELLIGENT CREATURE ALIVE AND I'M NOT AFRAID!
AND SO ONLY COURT MOVED FREELY IN THE DAYS TO COME, AND SLEPT EASILY THROUGH THE WARM FLOWER-SCENTED NIGHTS...
MASON, IT'S WRONG! WE SHOULDN'T STAY HERE! I CAN FEEL IT! IT'S AS IF WE WERE JUST WAITING FOR SOMETHING TO HAPPEN!
I KNOW...LET'S JUST HOPE THAT IT DOESN'T!

BUT SOMETHING WAS TO HAPPEN! FOR THIRTEEN DAYS, COURT SMILED AND THE OTHERS WERE ANXIOUS! BUT THEN THERE WAS THE FOURTEENTH DAY...
MASON... MASON!
EH? WHAT IS IT?
THE STREAM! LOOK AT IT! IT'S STOPPED RUNNING!
WHAT OF IT? SOMETHING DIVERTED IT, OR BLOCKED IT OFF! THERE'S SOME SIMPLE EXPLANATION..
LOOK! THE ANIMALS! THEY'RE DROPPING! ONE BY ONE!
SOMETHING IS WRONG! COME ON!
THEY'RE ALL DEAD! AS IF THEY JUST STOPPED BREATHING! AND IT'S GETTING DARK! WE'D BETTER GET BACK TO THE SHIP!
NO! WE CAN'T LEAVE! NOT UNTIL WE FIND OUT WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT!
WE'RE MEN! THE HIGHEST FORM OF LIFE! WE CAN'T RUN JUST BECAUSE WE DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT'S HAPPENING!
SOMETIMES IT'S WISE TO RUN! BUT WE'LL STAY! I ONLY HOPE IT'S NOT A MISTAKE! I HOPE IT DOESN'T GET ANY DARKER...
BUT IT DID GET DARKER.. AND DARKER...
MASON! WE HEARD YOU CRY OUT! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT!
YES... I'M ALL RIGHT! I'VE FOUND THE ANSWER...
AND WHEN COURT RETURNED FROM ANOTHER OF HIS FIELD TRIPS..
WELL! IT SEEMS I STAYED AWAY TOO LONG THIS TRIP! SO YOU'VE DECIDED TO RUN, AFTER ALL!


THE NEEDLE IS A NATURAL PHENOMENON!
AND THE TREES THAT STOPPED GROWING? THE FAILING LIGHT? THE ANIMALS THAT STOPPED BREATHING? THE STREAMS? THOSE WERE "NATURAL PHENOMENA", TOO?

OF COURSE! WHAT OTHER ANSWER IS THERE?
I FOUND THAT ANSWER, COURT, TODAY, WHEN I DEVELOPED MY INFRA-RED PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE NEEDLE! IT ISN'T JUST A SHAFT!

HAVE YOU EVER SEEN A CHILD'S WIND-UP TOY? THE KIND THAT SOMETIMES HAS LITTLE ANIMALS AND PEOPLE ON IT?
OF COURSE! BUT WHAT HAS THAT TO DO WITH WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT?


IT HAS EVERYTHING TO DO WITH IT! WE KNOW WHAT THE SECRET OF THIS PLANET IS, NOW! WE KNOW WHAT THE NEEDLE IS! YOU CAN STAY IF YOU LIKE... WE'RE LEAVING!

IT COULD BE! AND YET... COURT HELD THE EVIDENCE IN HIS HANDS! SUDDENLY, HE NO LONGER FELT QUITE SO SUPERIOR, QUITE SO PROUD...

SUDDENLY, IN FACT, COURT FELT QUITE HUMBLE!

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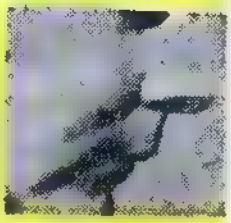
BEFORE

Note more than a dozen blemishes on just one side of this girl's face before KERAPLEX was applied



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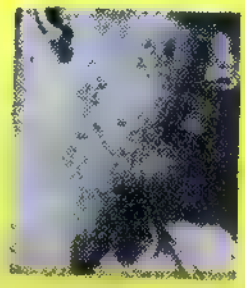
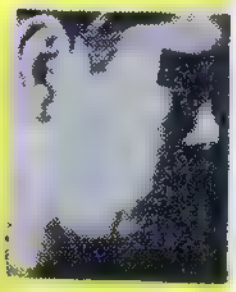
Same girl had used KERAPLEX twice a day for only 5 days when above photo was taken. Note the amazing improvement.



BEFORE

This young man suffered from a severe case of acne for years and tried all the usual "remedies" without success.



AFTER

Same young man after using KERAPLEX twice a day for just one week. Notice the decided improvement—pimples completely gone!

WHAT USERS SAY:

"I was suffering from a severe case of acne .. and with only 4 days' treatment with Keraplex .. was completely relieved."—P. S.

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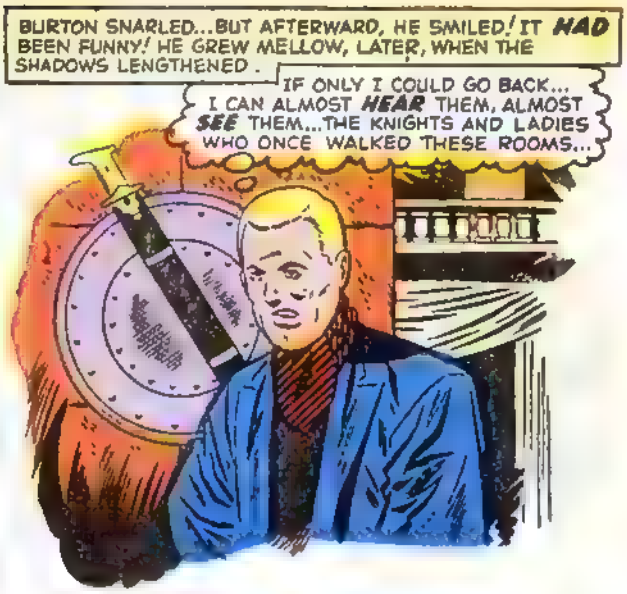
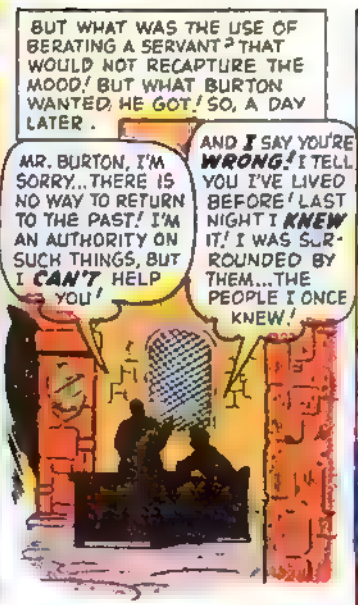
THE LAST LAUGH!

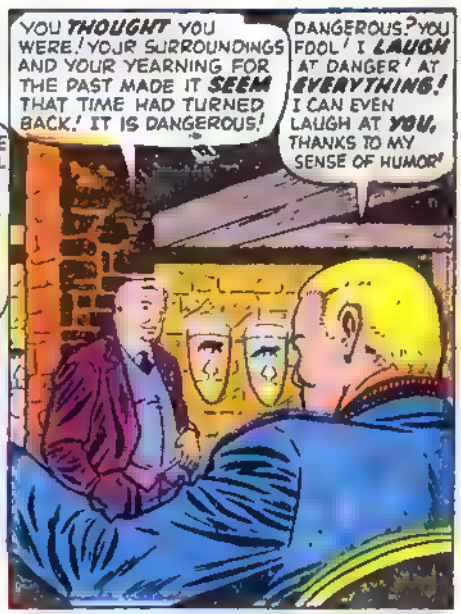
HA!
HA!
HA!

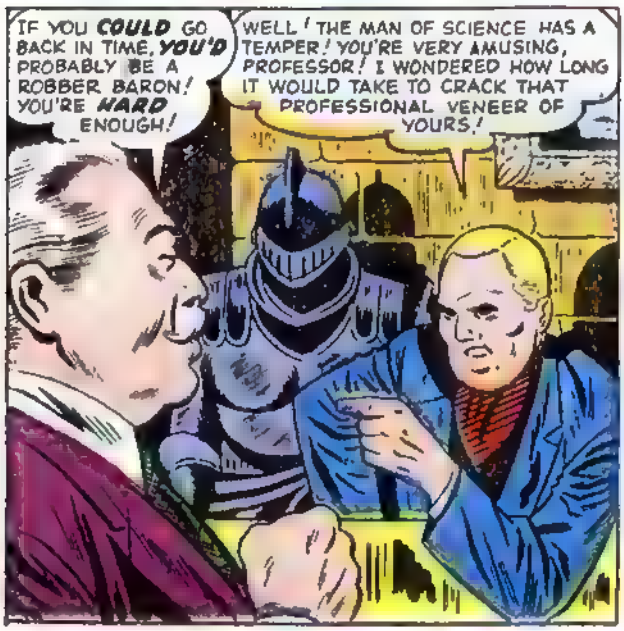
I'VE OFTEN THOUGHT I ONCE DID LIVE BACK IN THE DARK AGES! THAT'S WHY I HAD THIS CASTLE IMPORTED, STONE BY STONE! BUT YOU WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND A REAL MAN! NOW...GET OUT!

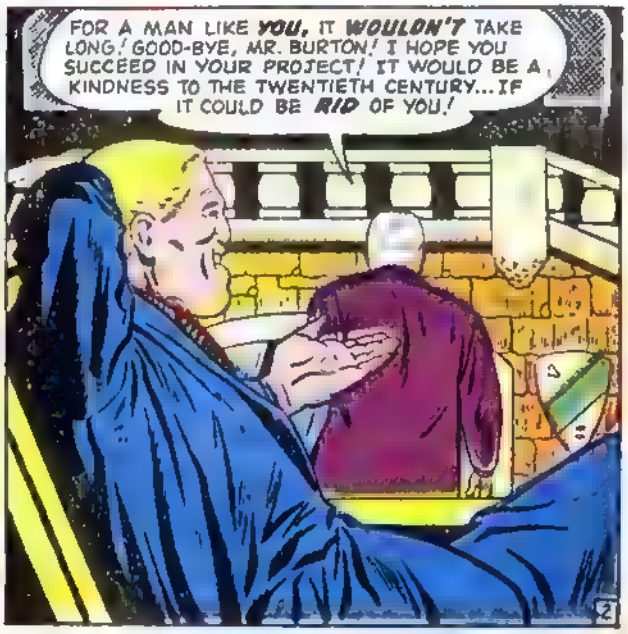

BURTON SNARLED...BUT AFTERWARD, HE SMILED! IT HAD BEEN FUNNY! HE GREW MELLOW, LATER, WHEN THE SHADOWS LENGTHENED .
IF ONLY I COULD GO BACK... I CAN ALMOST HEAR THEM, ALMOST SEE THEM...THE KNIGHTS AND LADIES WHO ONCE WALKED THESE ROOMS...

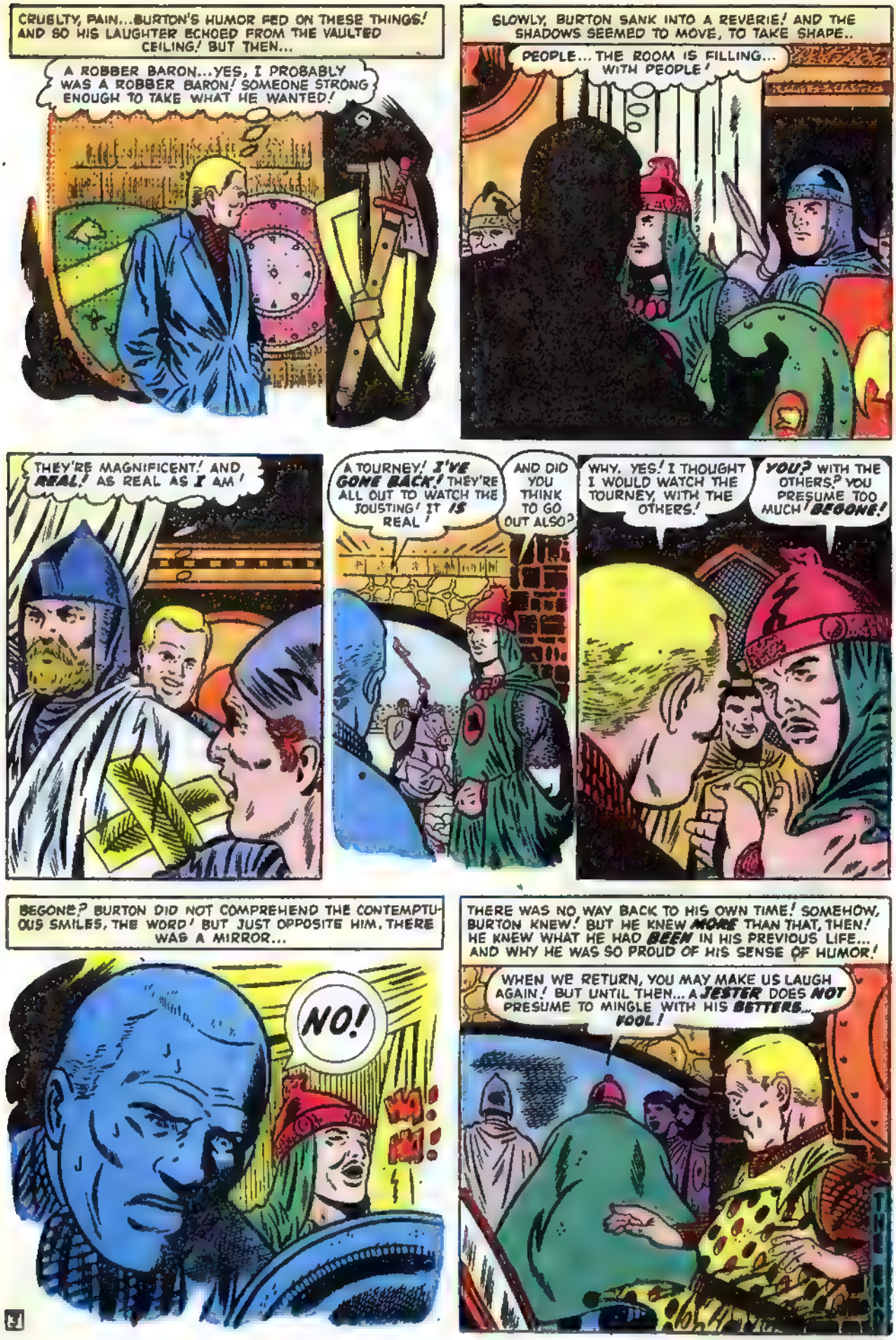
DINNER IS SERVED, SIR!
DINNER? YOU FOOL! YOU BROKE THE MOOD! NOW I MAY NEVER GET IT BACK! AND IT WAS ALMOST REAL!


BUT WHAT WAS THE USE OF BERATING A SERVANT? THAT WOULD NOT RECAPTURE THE MOOD! BUT WHAT BURTON WANTED, HE GOT! SO, A DAY LATER .
MR. BURTON, I'M SORRY...THERE IS NO WAY TO RETURN TO THE PAST! I'M AN AUTHORITY ON SUCH THINGS, BUT I CAN'T HELP YOU!
AND I SAY YOU'RE WRONG! I TELL YOU I'VE LIVED BEFORE! LAST NIGHT I KNEW IT! I WAS SURROUNDED BY THEM...THE PEOPLE I ONCE KNEW!


YOU THOUGHT YOU WERE! YOUR SURROUNDINGS AND YOUR YEARNING FOR THE PAST MADE IT SEEM THAT TIME HAD TURNED BACK! IT IS DANGEROUS!
DANGEROUS? YOU FOOL! I LAUGH AT DANGER! AT EVERYTHING! I CAN EVEN LAUGH AT YOU, THANKS TO MY SENSE OF HUMOR!


IF YOU COULD GO BACK IN TIME, YOU'D PROBABLY BE A ROBBER BARON! YOU'RE HARD ENOUGH!
WELL! THE MAN OF SCIENCE HAS A TEMPER! YOU'RE VERY AMUSING, PROFESSOR! I WONDERED HOW LONG IT WOULD TAKE TO CRACK THAT PROFESSIONAL VENEER OF YOURS!


FOR A MAN LIKE YOU, IT WOULDN'T TAKE LONG! GOOD-BYE, MR. BURTON! I HOPE YOU SUCCEED IN YOUR PROJECT! IT WOULD BE A KINDNESS TO THE TWENTIETH CENTURY...IF IT COULD BE RID OF YOU!


CRUELTY, PAIN...BURTON'S HUMOR FED ON THESE THINGS! AND SO HIS LAUGHTER ECHOED FROM THE VAULTED CEILING! BUT THEN...
A ROBBER BARON...YES, I PROBABLY WAS A ROBBER BARON! SOMEONE STRONG ENOUGH TO TAKE WHAT HE WANTED!
SLOWLY, BURTON SANK INTO A REVERIE! AND THE SHADOWS SEEMED TO MOVE, TO TAKE SHAPE..
PEOPLE... THE ROOM IS FILLING... WITH PEOPLE!
THEY'RE MAGNIFICENT! AND REAL! AS REAL AS I AM!
A TOURNEY! I'VE GONE BACK! THEY'RE ALL OUT TO WATCH THE JOUSTING! IT IS REAL!
AND DID YOU THINK TO GO OUT ALSO?
WHY, YES! I THOUGHT I WOULD WATCH THE TOURNEY, WITH THE OTHERS!
YOU? WITH THE OTHERS? YOU PRESUME TOO MUCH! BEGONE!
BEGONE? BURTON DID NOT COMPREHEND THE CONTEMPTUOUS SMILES, THE WORD! BUT JUST OPPOSITE HIM, THERE WAS A MIRROR...
NO!
THERE WAS NO WAY BACK TO HIS OWN TIME! SOMEHOW, BURTON KNEW! BUT HE KNEW MORE THAN THAT, THEN! HE KNEW WHAT HE HAD BEEN IN HIS PREVIOUS LIFE... AND WHY HE WAS SO PROUD OF HIS SENSE OF HUMOR!
WHEN WE RETURN, YOU MAY MAKE US LAUGH AGAIN! BUT UNTIL THEN... A JESTER DOES NOT PRESUME TO MINGLE WITH HIS BETTERS... FOOL!
THE END

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MYSTERY PUPIL

COLIN took his job quite seriously. He was one of the best teachers in the school. It was for this reason that the principal, Mr. Plum, called him into his office that afternoon.

"I have just received news that we're going to take on a new pupil," Plum explained. "His parents have been traveling about for years, and the youngster, unfortunately, has not had any formal schooling to speak of. Take a look at his record. I just received it in the mail today."

Colin put on his glasses and took the record in his hands. To his dismay he saw that this new pupil whose last name was Mune, was far behind! The youngster had no training in spelling, arithmetic, or history. In fact, despite the fact that young Mune's age qualified him for the upper grades, he couldn't have fitted in anywhere.

"Poor lad," Colin sympathized. "I really don't know how he's going to catch up."

"If it weren't that I have such confidence in your ability as a teacher, I never would have accepted the boy as a student here," Plum confessed. "Another reason is because I have a very good heart, and I am terribly kind . . ."

Plum hesitated and lowered his eyes as he told this flattering truth about himself.

"Oh, but you do. Indeed you do," agreed Colin hastily.

"Then it's easy for you to understand how I felt when the child's parents pleaded with me to help them. They felt that it was only at Bright School . . ."

At the mention of the name of their school, the two men automatically jumped to attention and bowed their heads reverently.

"May the lights of Bright never dim," sang Colin faithfully.

"Hear, hear!" echoed Plum. "So as I was saying, the parents felt that only Bright would be right, Bright would be best, Bright would shine better than all of the rest in giving their son a complete education."

"I can do a solid job," Colin admitted.

"Solid?" asked Plum, furrowing his brows in confusion. "Dear me, you young teachers are so advanced in your language. You modern fellows are . . . how would you say . . . on the sphere."

"On the ball," Colin corrected politely.

"Very well, Colin. Young Mune will report to you before classes tomorrow morning. Good luck! And remember . . . do what's right for Bright!"

When Colin returned to his room that evening, the landlady's daughter was sitting on the porch. Her hair was the color of buttercups, thought Colin appreciatively. He longed to be able to say something flattering like this to her, but he was shy.

"How are you, Gertrude?" asked Colin with a blush. "I was just thinking would you like to go . . . would you like . . ."

"To go where?" asked Gertrude, hoping that Colin would suggest something adventurous . . . like roller skating.

"To go to the museum and do some research with me for my history book."

"Dear me," Gertrude sighed. "I like you, but sometimes I think you're an awful square."

Colin brightened. "Square?" he repeated. "Does that have anything to do with trigonometry?"

He couldn't understand why Gertrude looked angry.

"Colin, unless you do something dashing and romantic, I will have to break our engagement. You must think of something before the week is over. It will be up to you to prove to me that you can do something bold and daring . . . something that will prove to me that you should be the one to have my hand in marriage."

The lights in Colin's eyes flickered and dimmed with despair. His shoulders drooped as he slunk into his room to meditate.

"It is useless," he thought, looking at himself in the mirror. "I am only a poor teacher, devoted to my profession. My superior, old Mr. Plum, thinks I'm dashing, but to Gertrude I'm a fizzle. I have as much sparkle in me as an old glass of soda water."

Sadly, Colin took out his books. Despite his personal sorrow, he must be brave and relentless for his task the next day. Young Mune and his parents were counting on him. Plum was counting on him. His duty must come even before his selfish interests.

CONTINUED AFTER NEXT STORY

THE SEA WAS CALM AND THEIR LUCK WAS GOOD! BUT THERE WAS EVIL ABOARD THE SHIP... THE THREAT OF DANGER HUNG EVERYWHERE!

THEY wait in the CAVES!

NOT A BAD TRIP, PANYARD! WE'VE GOT OVER A HUNDRED SELECT PEARLS, AND THEY'LL BRING A GOOD PRICE IN SINGAPORE!
I WAS COUNTING ON BETTER... A LOT BETTER!
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THE HOURS PASSED, AND ALONE AT THE WHEEL, PANYARD BROODED OVER BLACK THOUGHTS...

IT WAS DARK WHEN NOLAN CAME UP TO RELIEVE, AND HIS EYES STRAINED AGAINST THE DARKNESS... THE SWIRLING FOG...

PANYARD... WHERE ARE YOU?

SUDDENLY...

PANYARD, ARE YOU...OHHH!

SECONDS LATER, PANYARD WAS BACK AT THE WHEEL... PULLING AWAY FROM THE CRY THAT CALLED OUT TO HIM FROM THE DARKNESS...

PANYARD... HELP!

A YEAR PASSED, AND IN A SINGAPORE CAFE, AS JOHN PANYARD'S MONEY RAN OUT!

BOSS MAN SAY SORRY ... NO MORE CREDIT!

AFTER ALL I SPENT HERE! WHY, YOU...

I'LL TEACH YOU TO...

LET HIM BE! I'LL SETTLE UP!

NOLAN! BUT IT CAN'T BE! YOU MUST BE...

NOTHING LIKE THAT! I'M QUITE ACTIVE, AND THAT ACCIDENT ABOARD SHIP TURNED OUT TO BE MY LUCKY DAY!

UNASHAMEDLY, PANYARD TOLD A PREPOSTEROUS STORY...

I SEARCHED THE SPOT FOR HOURS... CRIED LIKE A BABY... BUT IT WAS THE FOG...I WAS HELPLESS!

WELL, LUCKY FOR ME I FOUND THIS ISLAND... AND WHAT AN ISLAND!

"I SWAM UNTIL I WAS EXHAUSTED, AND THEN, WHEN MY STRENGTH ALMOST GAVE OUT, A HUGE BREAKER SWEPT ME ONTO THIS BEACH."

IT'S LAND! AT LEAST (GASP!) I'M SAFE... SAFE AND ALIVE!

"THERE WAS A CAVE NEARBY, ONE OF MANY, AND I ENTERED ONE OF THEM, NEVER EXPECTING, NEVER DREAMING OF WHAT I WOULD FIND THERE... WAITING..."

WHAT SORT OF CREATURES CAN THEY BE? WHAT WILL THEY DO TO ME?

"BUT THEY WERE FRIENDLY... ALMOST CHILDLIKE IN THEIR CURIOSITY..."

THEY'RE SMILING...

I STAYED THERE ALMOST SIX MONTHS! EVEN GOT TO TEACH THEM A LITTLE ENGLISH! THEN THEY HELPED BUILD THE RAFT THAT GOT ME OUT!

BUT YOUR WEALTH... WHERE DID THAT COME FROM?

PEARLS, MY DEAR PANYARD... ALL OVER THE PLACE! THEY GAVE ME ALL I COULD CARRY!

AND THE *SIZE* OF IT!

YOU'VE GOT TO TELL ME HOW TO GET THERE... A FAVOR FOR AN OLD PAL!

WHY NOT! I'VE GOT ALL I NEED! I'LL GIVE YOU THE EXACT LOCATION!

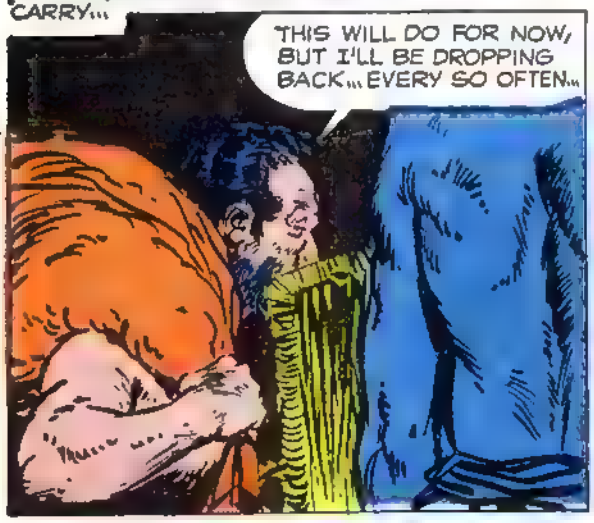
WITHIN DAYS, PANYARD HAD SET SAIL, AND SEVERAL WEEKS LATER, ONE GREY, CHILLED DAWN...

THAT'S IT... THE ISLAND... JUST AS NOLAN SAID!

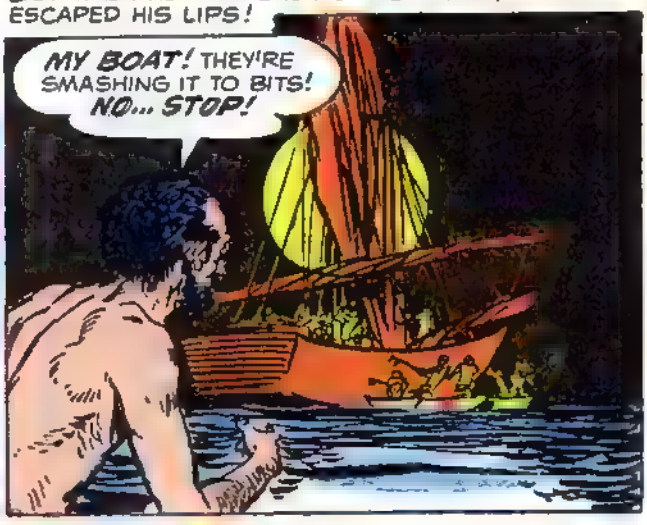
HE FOUND IT ALL AS NOLAN HAD SAID! THE ISLAND, THE CAVES, THE SMILING NATIVES...

OBLIGINGLY, THEY BROUGHT HIM WHAT HE WANTED..

FINALLY, WHEN HE HAD AS MUCH AS HE COULD CARRY...

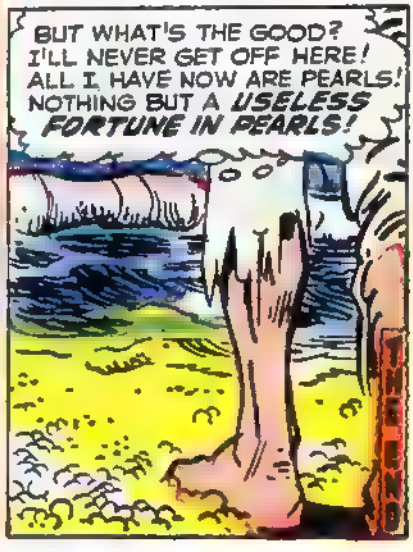


BUT WHEN HE APPROACHED THE BEACH, A CRY ESCAPED HIS LIPS!



MY BOAT, WRECKED! WHY?
OTHER ONE... LIKE YOU... HE SAY HE TELL NO ONE ABOUT ISLAND! BUT HE TELL YOU! YOU LEAVE... YOU TELL OTHERS ... MANY MORE COME! THAT WE NO LIKE!

LIKE NOLAN HAD SAID, PEARLS WERE EVERYWHERE, AND EACH DAY THE OBLIGING NATIVES BROUGHT A FRESH SUPPLY...



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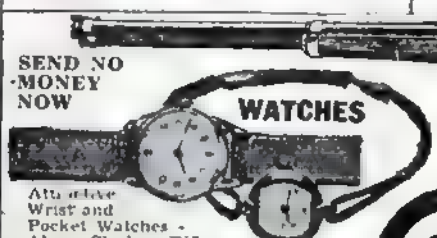

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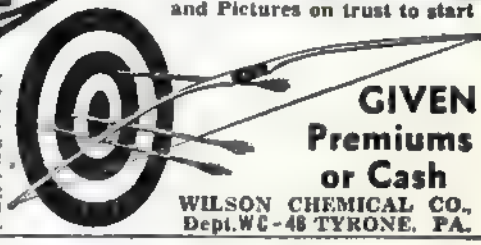

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And so, early the next day, Colin trudged to school. Young Mune was to arrive earlier than the rest, and so there was no one else in sight when Colin arrived. What Colin did see, however, in the field near the school, was a round circular platform. And sure enough, there was a strange boy jumping about it.

"Mune," he called. "Pleased to meet you. I'm Professor Colin."

The boy looked at him questioningly, and Colin shook his head in dismay.

"Dear me," he said, "this will be worse than I thought. Not only have your travels taken you away from formal education, but your diet has been neglected. You're thin as a rail."

The young stranger looked startled.

"Come with me," Colin commanded in his most authoritative voice.

The boy showed no signs of obeying, so Colin took him by the hand and ushered him toward the school. When the boy tried to hang back, Colin looked down at him and scolded.

"You must listen to your teacher, Mune. And before classes it is unwise to play in the field with odd rocks or whatever junk you may find there. I saw you jumping about that round platform. Your hands are not clean. Don't let it happen again!"

It annoyed Colin terribly to feel the youngster pull his hand as if he wanted to run away.

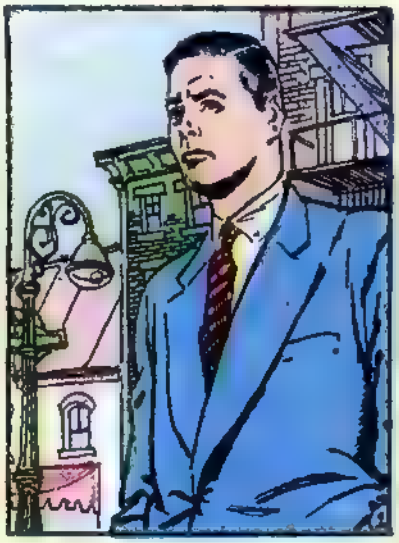
Colin forcefully led him into his office and closed the door.

"Another thing I must take you to task for," he insisted, "is the way you're dressed. That suit is a far cry from the uniform the boys at Bright wear. It may be a playtime costume for you, but it's hardly right to wear an outfit like that to school."

At this point, the young boy looked angrily at Colin. He whipped out a strange object from his pocket and brandished it at Colin.

Colin smiled and deftly took it from his hand.

"I'm used to disarming young boys of their toys during school hours," Colin said smugly. "What is this nonsensical toy? Bless me, it's one of those imitation new-fangled space guns.



I really don't approve of them as toys at all. Now sit down."

As Colin directed the boy into a chair, he still held the toy in his hand, and the youngster immediately obeyed him. At this point, there was a loud noise outside the school. Looking through the window, Colin saw the state troopers drive up . . . the militia . . . why, it looked like the entire army!

"I do wish they'd tell me when we're going to have a formal visiting delegation," Colin said with annoyance.

The next second, the door of his office was thrown open. In stalked Plum, greatly agitated, followed by the military officers.

"Thank goodness you're safe!" cried Plum. "There's an angry Martian on the loose. Our secret service tracked his saucer landing in this area. The Mars people want him taken into custody, and they alerted us."

Colin was about to say that he was merely working with his new pupil and had no time for such nonsense. But all at once, the Chief of the Military slapped him on the shoulder.

"Your bravery shall be rewarded!" he shouted. "Look, men . . . this courageous teacher captured and disarmed the Martian with his own ray gun!"

Mune wasn't Mune at all, but a Martian! Colin would have fainted if he hadn't had to stand there while the photographers took his picture.

Colin was made a hero! Later Plum informed him that Young Mune was delayed in arriving, and Colin deserved a holiday for himself.

The Governor's car was made available to drive Colin through the town. Colin sat there smiling, with Gertrude beside him.

"I'm proud of you, Colin," she sighed. "You risked your life to prove to me that you could do something brave and romantic!"

"I'm glad you feel that way," Colin blushed, "but when we return home, I must do some research."

"Oh, let me help you," Gertrude pleaded. "I'll never again think that you're old hat."

"You couldn't say that," admitted Colin, adjusting the brim of his new chapeau. "You might say I'm old suit, but my hat is brand *new!*"

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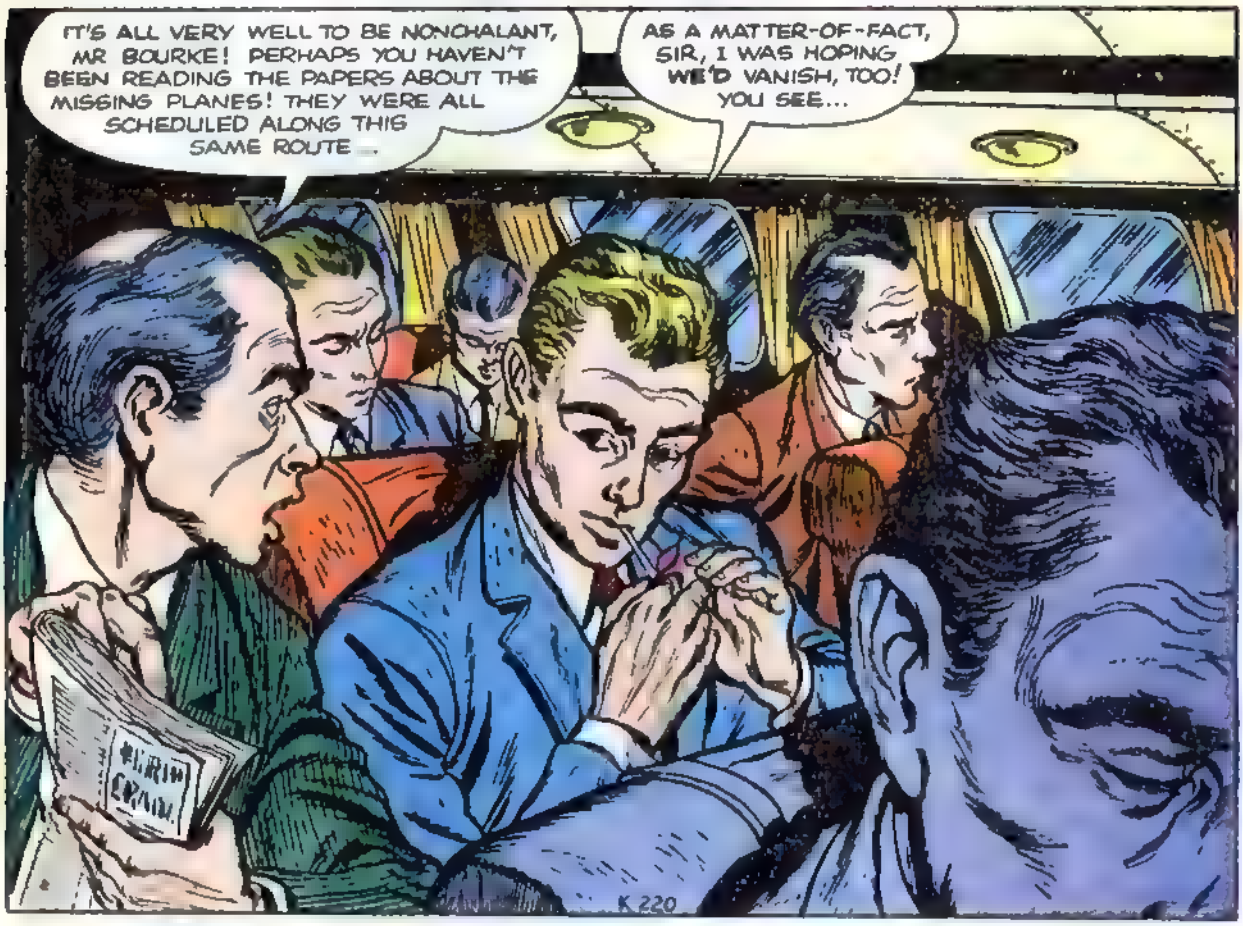
THE AIRLINES WERE DESPERATE! GREAT PLANES AND THEIR PASSENGERS HAD BEEN VANISHING IN THE NIGHT! DETECTIVE JAY BOURKE HIRED TO SOLVE THE MYSTERY GOT HIS ANSWER THE HARD WAY! HE VANISHED TOO!

THE LAND OF MISSING PERSONS


IT'S ALL VERY WELL TO BE NONCHALANT, MR BOURKE! PERHAPS YOU HAVEN'T BEEN READING THE PAPERS ABOUT THE MISSING PLANES! THEY WERE ALL SCHEDULED ALONG THIS SAME ROUTE...
AS A MATTER-OF-FACT, SIR, I WAS HOPING WE'D VANISH, TOO! YOU SEE...
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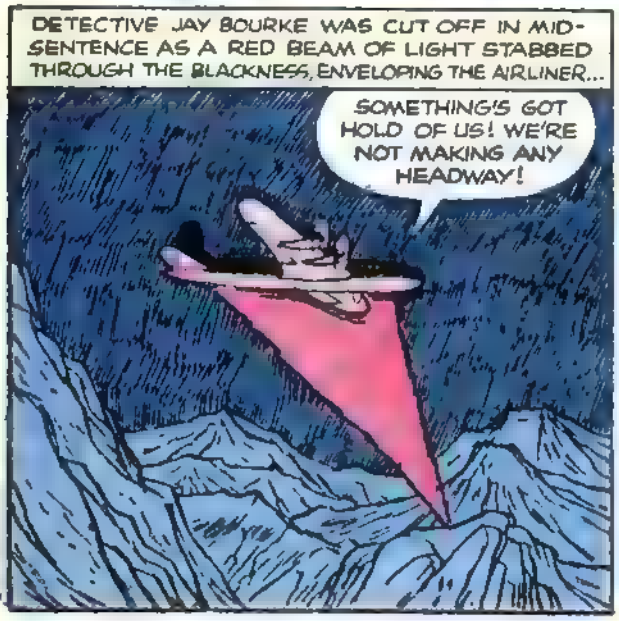
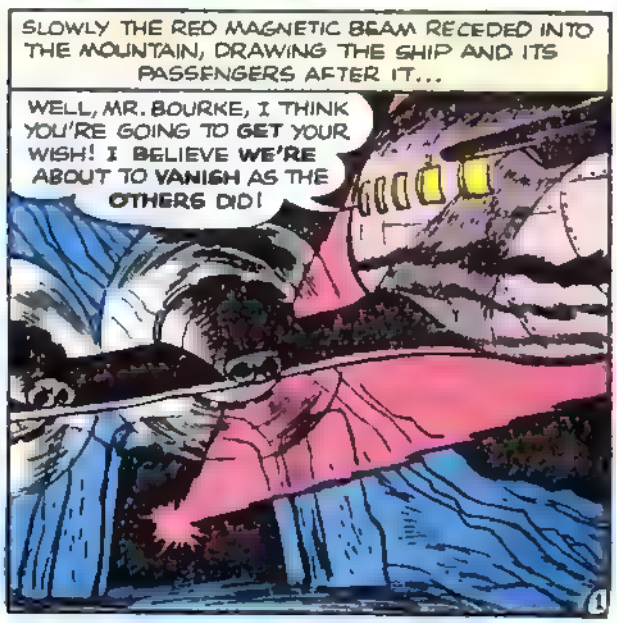

DETECTIVE JAY BOURKE WAS CUT OFF IN MID-SENTENCE AS A RED BEAM OF LIGHT STABBED THROUGH THE BLACKNESS, ENVELOPING THE AIRLINER...
SOMETHING'S GOT HOLD OF US! WE'RE NOT MAKING ANY HEADWAY!


SLOWLY THE RED MAGNETIC BEAM RECEDED INTO THE MOUNTAIN, DRAWING THE SHIP AND ITS PASSENGERS AFTER IT...
WELL, MR. BOURKE, I THINK YOU'RE GOING TO GET YOUR WISH! I BELIEVE WE'RE ABOUT TO VANISH AS THE OTHERS DID!
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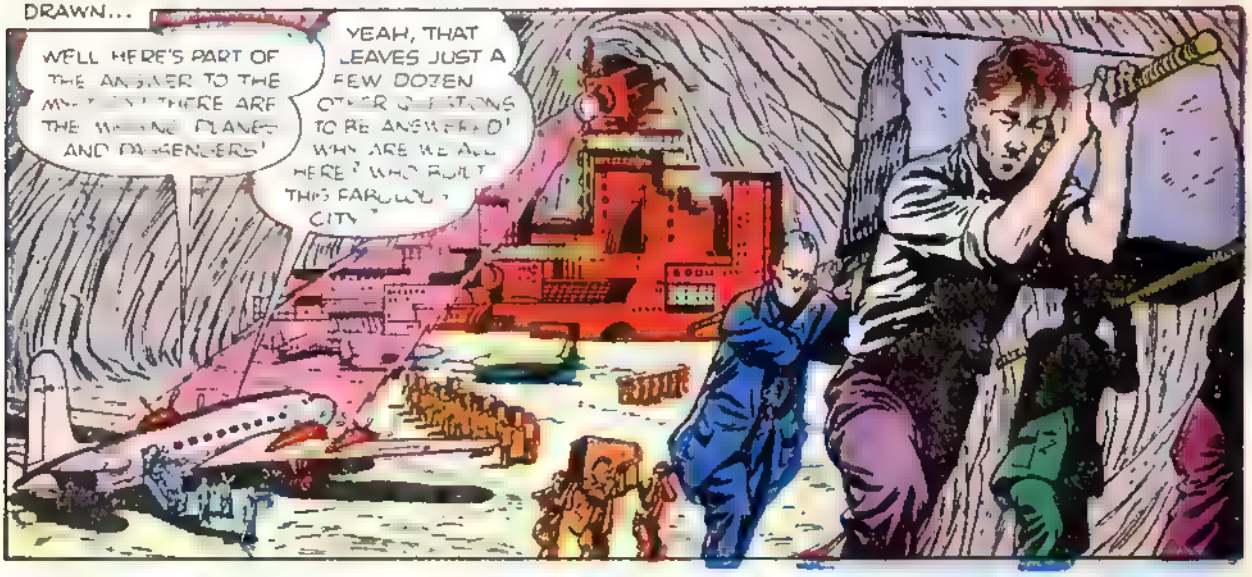
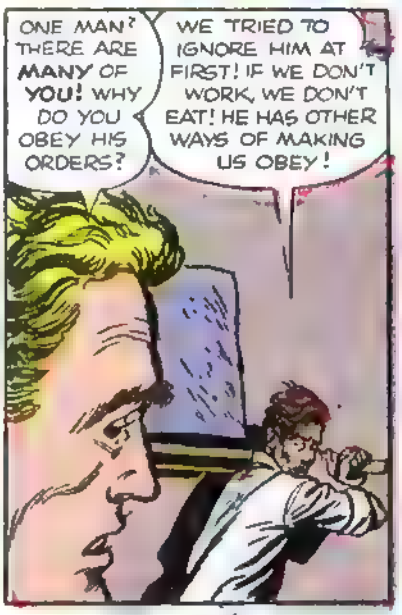
WHEN THE MAGNETIC BEAM RELEASED THE AIRLINER, ITS PASSENGERS QUICKLY CAME OUT, RELIEVED TO BE SAFE ON THE GROUND AT FIRST, THEN ASTONISHED BY THE CITY IN THE MOUNTAIN INTO WHICH THEY'D BEEN DRAWN...

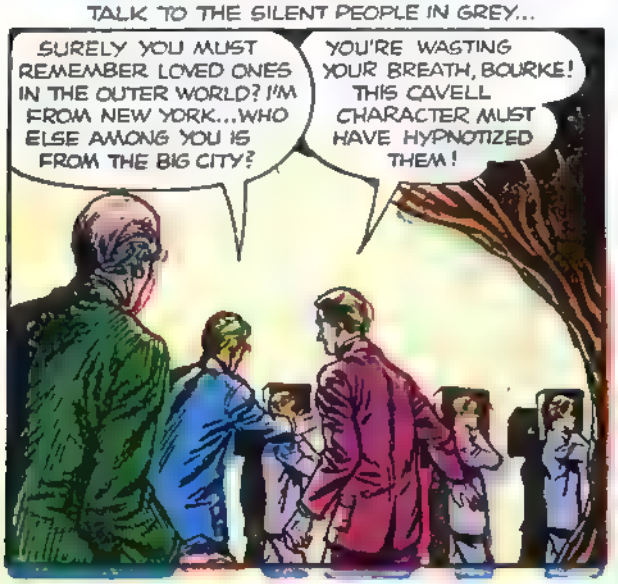

WELL HERE'S PART OF THE ANSWER TO THE MYSTERY! THERE ARE THE MISSING PLANES AND PASSENGERS!
YEAH, THAT LEAVES JUST A FEW DOZEN OTHER QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED! WHY ARE WE ALL HERE? WHO BUILT THIS FABULOUS CITY?

I'M GOING TO TRY TO FIND OUT SOME OF THOSE ANSWERS RIGHT NOW! YOU, MISTER... WHO'S IN CHARGE OF THIS "LAND OF MISSING PERSONS"?
A MAN NAMED ROLAND CAVELL! HE LIVES IN A TURRET HIGH ON THE WALL! THERE ARE STEPS LEADING UP TO HIS CONTROL ROOM WAY OFF BEHIND YOU!


ONE MAN? THERE ARE MANY OF YOU! WHY DO YOU OBEY HIS ORDERS?
WE TRIED TO IGNORE HIM AT FIRST! IF WE DON'T WORK, WE DON'T EAT! HE HAS OTHER WAYS OF MAKING US OBEY!

AND WHAT ABOUT THOSE OTHER PEOPLE .. THE ONES IN GREY, MARCHING IN FORMATION?
THE SILENT ONES! WE'VE TRIED TALKING TO THEM! THEY WON'T ANSWER, WALK AROUND AS IF UNDER SOME SPELL! THEY WERE HERE WHEN WE CAME!

DETECTIVE JAY BOURKE AND SOME OF THE OTHERS FROM THE SAME AIRLINER TRIED TO TALK TO THE SILENT PEOPLE IN GREY...


SURELY YOU MUST REMEMBER LOVED ONES IN THE OUTER WORLD? I'M FROM NEW YORK...WHO ELSE AMONG YOU IS FROM THE BIG CITY?
YOU'RE WASTING YOUR BREATH, BOURKE! THIS CAVELL CHARACTER MUST HAVE HYPNOTIZED THEM!

IT'S APPARENT EVERYONE DOWN HERE MUST LABOR TO BUILD THIS FANTASTIC CITY...BUT WHY? I TREMBLE TO THINK THAT SOMEDAY WE MAY BE JUST LIKE THESE POOR PEOPLE...SILENT! STONY-FACED!
NOT IF I CAN HELP IT!
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THE DETECTIVE RACED UP THE PRECIPITOUS STAIRCASE TO THE TURRET WHERE THE MAN WHO'D MADE THEM HIS PRISONERS WAITED...
IT'S TIME SOMEBODY HAD A SHOWDOWN WITH THAT BIRD!
ROLAND CAVELL? I WANT AN EXPLANATION BEFORE I HAUL YOU OUT OF THIS MOUNTAIN MADHOUSE!
IF YOU ONLY KNEW HOW I'VE LONGED TO TELL SOMEBODY OF ALL THE WONDERS I'VE CREATED HERE! THIS GREAT CITY OF THE FUTURE...YOU'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE IT ON EARTH, HAVE YOU?
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEAN! WHAT RIGHT HAVE YOU TO BRING PEOPLE HERE AGAINST THEIR WILL?
IF I WERE TO INVITE PEOPLE HERE, THEY'D NEVER COME! IN THE LONG RUN, THEY'LL BE HAPPY! THIS WILL BE THEIR CITY, AND I WILL BE THEIR LEADER!
YOU THINK PEOPLE CAN BE HAPPY WITHOUT THE LOVED ONES THEY LEFT BEHIND? WHY HAVE YOU DONE THIS?
BECAUSE I WAS AN UNRECOGNIZED GENIUS IN YOUR WORLD! HERE I AM PEOPLING A WORLD OF MY OWN! THIS CONTROL BOARD MAKES EVERYTHING IN MY CITY OPERATE...THE FACTORIES, THE POWER PLANT, THE BEAM THAT BROUGHT YOUR PLANE IN HERE...
YES, YOU'RE A GENIUS...IN AN EVIL WAY, CAVELL! BUT NOW YOU'LL HAVE TO STOP PLAYING EMPEROR! YOU'RE UNDER ARREST!
NO! YOU CAN'T DO THIS!
TAKEN BY SURPRISE AT THE DETECTIVE'S SUDDEN MOVE, CAVELL NOW HURLED HIS GREAT BULK AT HIS CAPTOR...
THIS IS MY CITY...MY WORLD! YOU HAVE NO RIGHT!
A COURT WILL DECIDE RIGHT AND WRONG!
CAVELL LANDED WITH ALL HIS WEIGHT, AND JAY BOURKE'S, ON TOP OF THE CONTROL PANEL! THERE WAS A FLASH AND A BLAST!
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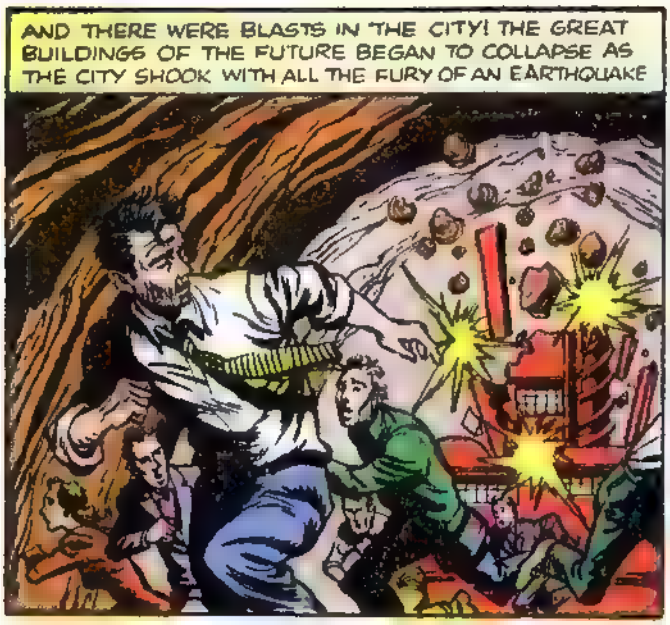
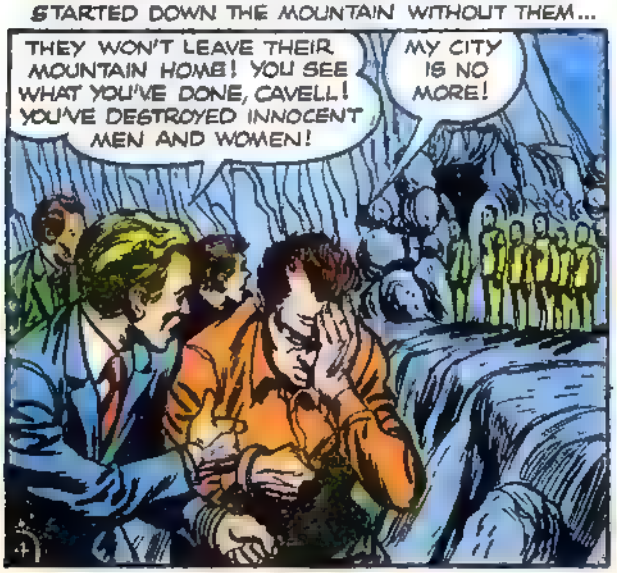

AND THERE WERE BLASTS IN THE CITY! THE GREAT BUILDINGS OF THE FUTURE BEGAN TO COLLAPSE AS THE CITY SHOOK WITH ALL THE FURY OF AN EARTHQUAKE

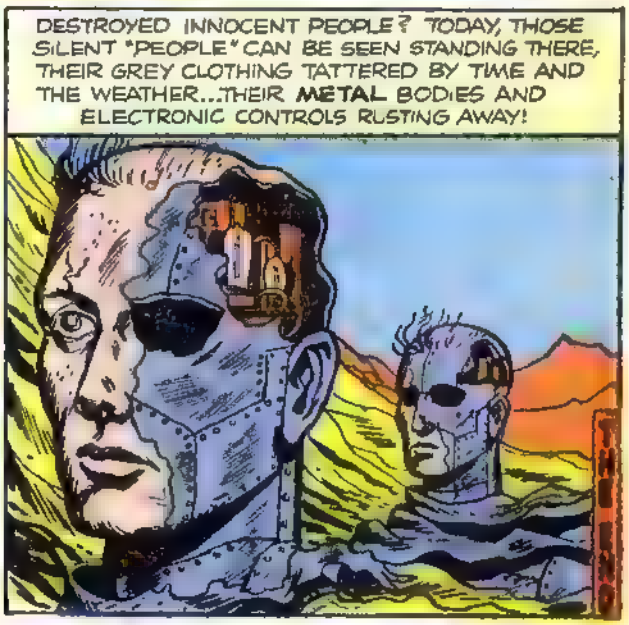
YOU DID THIS! YOU'VE BROUGHT MY BEAUTIFUL CITY TO RUIN!
CAVELL, I CAN'T FEEL SORRY FOR YOU! YOU'D BETTER PRAY THAT NONE OF THOSE INNOCENT PEOPLE DOWN THERE GET HURT!

JAY BOURKE REACHED THE INNER CAVE ENTRANCE WITH HIS PRISONER! HE SHRIEKED TO MAKE HIMSELF HEARD OVER THE THUNDER OF FALLING BUILDINGS AND MOUNTAIN CAVE-INS...
THIS WAY...HURRY! THE WHOLE CAVERN IS GOING TO COME DOWN!

A FEW PEOPLE NEAR JAY HEARD HIM AND FOLLOWED! THEN THE REST OF THE PASSENGERS FOLLOWED! EVEN THE SILENT PEOPLE IN GREY JOINED THE EXODUS FROM THE TREMBLING MOUNTAIN CITY...
THERE IT GOES... THE WHOLE MOUNTAIN CAVING IN!
MY CITY... MY CITY!

YOU, THERE...COME BACK WITH US! YOU'LL RECEIVE PROPER MEDICAL ATTENTION! PLEASE COME BACK!


THE SILENT ONES MADE NO MOVE, SPOKE NO WORD! DETECTIVE JAY BOURKE RELUCTANTLY STARTED DOWN THE MOUNTAIN WITHOUT THEM...
THEY WON'T LEAVE THEIR MOUNTAIN HOME! YOU SEE WHAT YOU'VE DONE, CAVELL! YOU'VE DESTROYED INNOCENT MEN AND WOMEN!
MY CITY IS NO MORE!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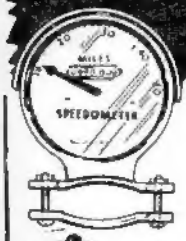

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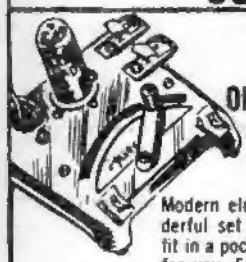

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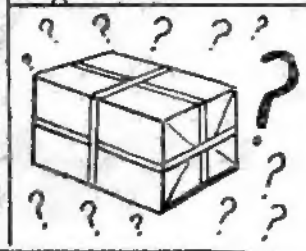

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No. 678 .....

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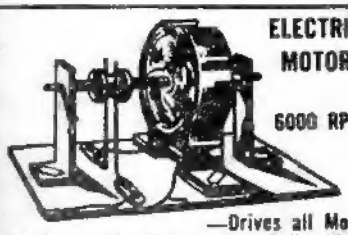

6000 RPM

—Drives all Models

This is an offer that sounds unbelievable but it is being made just the same. Yes, you can have an actual electric motor for just 50¢. This compact little kit makes it a cinch to build this high-power motor. And the fun you are going to get from using it. It's so simple, and your motor is ready to turn out 6000 rpm's of power to work for you. The coils of this remarkable tool actually turn at the rate of 1500 feet per minute.

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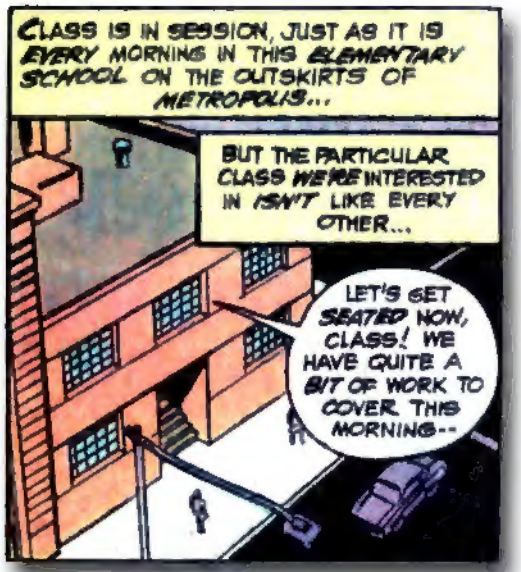
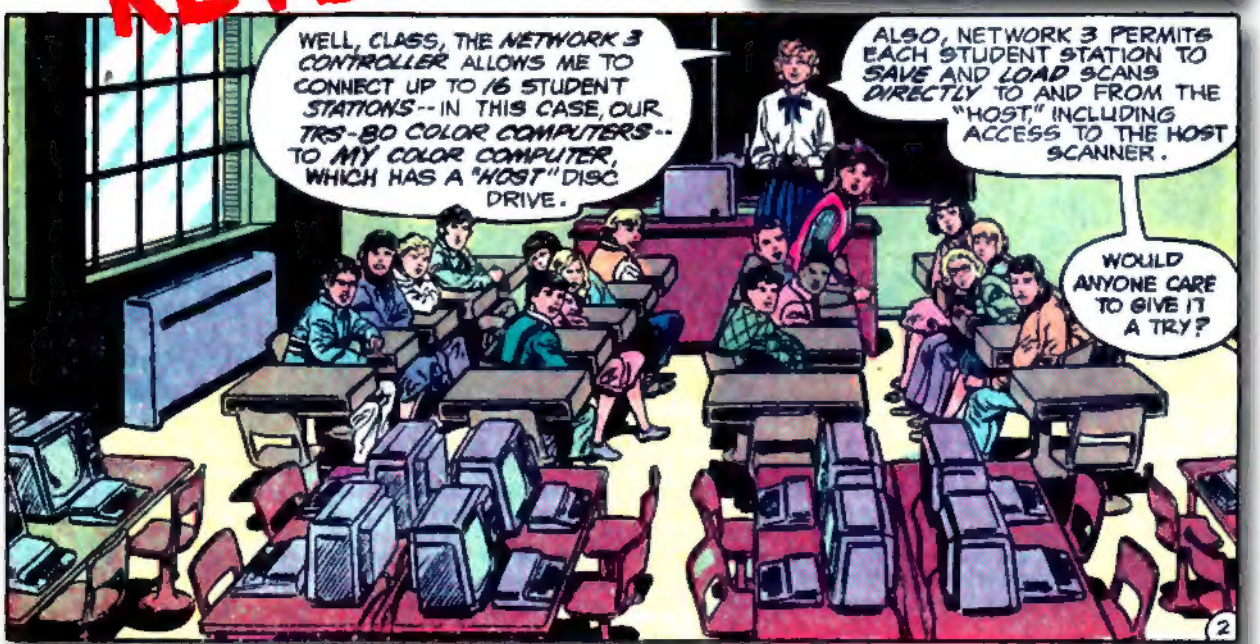

CLASS IS IN SESSION, JUST AS IT IS EVERY MORNING IN THIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF METROPOLIS...
BUT THE PARTICULAR CLASS WE'RE INTERESTED IN ISN'T LIKE EVERY OTHER...
LET'S GET SEATED NOW, CLASS! WE HAVE QUITE A BIT OF WORK TO COVER THIS MORNING--


WELL, CLASS, THE NETWORK 3 CONTROLLER ALLOWS ME TO CONNECT UP TO 16 STUDENT STATIONS -- IN THIS CASE, OUR TRS-80 COLOR COMPUTERS -- TO MY COLOR COMPUTER, WHICH HAS A "HOST" DISC DRIVE.
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WOULD ANYONE CARE TO GIVE IT A TRY?
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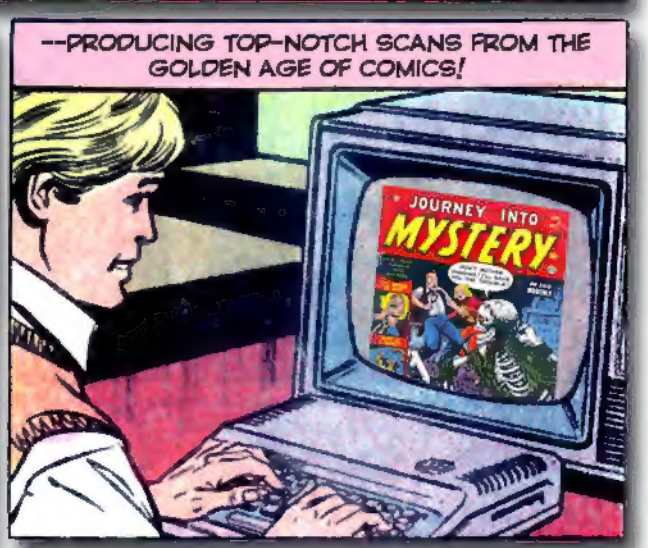
ALL RIGHT, LET'S SWITCH ON OUR COMPUTERS AND GET STARTED.
AND SO, FOR THE NEXT HOUR, THERE IS SILENCE IN THE CLASS-ROOM AS THE SIXTH-GRADERS APPLY THEMSELVES TO THE TASK AT HAND--



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